

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 505

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mike Long, Administrator of Elections for Johnson County, on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body honor those public servants who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their distinguished careers; and

WHEREAS, Mike Long, Administrator of Elections (AOE) for Johnson County, is one such estimable person, who has served with ability and integrity in such post; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, Mike Long began his exemplary tenure with the Johnson County Election Commission when he was appointed as a commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long loved his work with the commission so much that he began work-shadowing the then current AOE, who was preparing to retire; and

WHEREAS, after this positive experience, he completed intensive training, passed the state certification exam, and was appointed AOE for the county; and

WHEREAS, since then, Mr. Long has treasured his role in the election process and has especially enjoyed meeting colleagues from Mountain City to Memphis; and

WHEREAS, although the primary purpose of elections never changes, the advancement of technology and the advent of social media have resulted in Mr. Long and his staff instituting new procedures, programs, and machinery; and

WHEREAS, in making changes, Mr. Long always seeks to better the election process in Johnson County while also saving time and money for voters; and

WHEREAS, among his many career accomplishments, Mr. Long is most proud of the commission's establishment of a web site that enables the citizens of Johnson County to obtain

"the latest up-to-date information on elections and see the official results one day after the election"; and

WHEREAS, as he approaches retirement from his labor of love, Mike Long exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Mary Etta Long; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mike Long has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, proficiency, and honesty, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and a grateful public as well; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Mike Long for his meritorious service as Administrator of Elections for Johnson County and wish him much continued success and happiness during his much deserved retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.